

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 21 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
two substrates;

a liquid crystal layer into which liquid crystal is inserted between opposing
surfaces of the two substrates; and

a structure provided so as to partition the liquid crystal layer and forming at
least one ~~enclosed domain~~ that is entirely enclosed between said substrates in each display
pixel,

wherein the alignment of the liquid crystal molecules while a voltage is being
applied is symmetric with respect to a plane parallel to the substrates and almost passing
through the center in the direction of the thickness of the liquid crystal layer.

2. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device, as set forth
in claim 1, wherein the liquid crystal molecules have negative dielectric constant anisotropy
and are almost vertically aligned with respect to the substrate surface while no voltage is
applied.

3. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the tilting orientation of the liquid crystal molecules has two or more directions in each domain when projected on the substrate.

4. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the two substrates comprise electrodes on the opposing surfaces thereof, and wherein the structure is provided on the electrode and is made of dielectric material.

5. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the structure has a grid-like shape.

6. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device, as set forth in claim 1, further comprising: first and second polarizing elements provided on the sides of the two substrates, respectively, the sides being not opposed to each other but facing in the opposite directions, and whose axes of absorption are orthogonal to each other; and at least one phase difference film provided at least either between the first polarizing element and the substrate to which the first polarizing element faces or between the second polarizing element and the other substrate, to which the second polarizing element faces.

7-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
two substrates;

a liquid crystal layer including liquid crystals placed between said two substrates; and

a structure having its entire gap thickness equal to a thickness-cell gap of said liquid crystal layer, said structure partitioning said liquid crystal layer and enclosing a part of said liquid crystal to form at least one domain in each display pixel.

22. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 21, wherein said liquid crystals have negative dielectric constant anisotropy and are aligned almost vertically with respect to surfaces of said two substrates when no voltage is applied to said liquid crystals.